GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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INDO-CHINA TRADE THROUGH NATHULA PASS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the traders of India and China are facing a lot of difficulties in selling their wares through Nathula Pass opened recently for border trade as reported in the Times of India dated July 20, 2006;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to lay down any guidelines for import and export of items through Nathula Pass?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. There were some difficulties in export and import through Nathula Pass during the period from 6.7.2006 to 27.7.2006. Export and import was not allowed without valid Import-Export Code in Terms of Para 2.2 of Foreign Trade Policy read with para 2.8 of Handbook of Procedures. Vide Public Notice No. 36(RE-2006)/2004-2009 dated 27.7.2006, issued by DGFT, it has been notified that Import-Export Code shall not be required for import and export upto CIF value of Rs. 25,000.

(c) Guidelines have been issued by DGFT vide Public Notice No. 20 (RE-2006)/2004-2009 dated 13.6.2006 and Public Notice No. 36(RE-2006)/2004-2009 dated 27.7.2006 for smooth functioning of border trade through Nathula Pass.